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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON MEETING MAY 13, 1977 (SALT TWO-1171)

1. AT THE INITIAL PLENARY MEETING ON MAY 13, 1977, SEMENOV REPORTED HIS INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUES PREVIOUSLY ADDRESSED BY THE DELEGATIONS AS PROVIDED IN THE APRIL 26, 1977 "COMMUNIQUE." HE THEN 43*3443$ 59 3:435-46 ?43"#,3;'S 18 JANUARY 1977 SPEECH AT TULA AS A GENERAL BASIS FOR SOVIET VIEWS. HE INDICATED THAT NEW MAJOR ADVANCES IN ARMS CONTROL WERE POSSIBLE, BUT THAT WE SHOULD CONSOLIDATE WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED AND COMPLETE AN AGREEMENT BASED ON VLADIVOSTOK BEFORE MOVING ON. HE SAID THAT THE ADDITION OF NEW QUESTIONS (APPARENTLY REFERRING TO RECENT US PROPOSALS) WOULD COMPLICATE AND DELAY THE TASK AS A WHOLE. HE REFERRED TO THE INTERIM AGREEMENT EXPIRATION ON 3 OCTOBER 1977. THEREFORE, HE SAID, THEIR PREMISE IS THAT THE BASIS FOR OUR CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS WILL BE VLADIVOSTOK AND THE RELATED DISCUSSIONS WHICH FOLLWED VALDIVOSTOK. IN THE REMAINDER OF HIS STATMENT, SEMENOV DISCUSSED THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR NON-TRANSFER OF STRATEGIC ARMAMENTS. HE INDICATED THAT THE OBLIGATIONS OF NON-TRANSFER WERE
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AMONG THE FUNDAMENTAL PROVISIONS OF A NEW AGREEMENT AND THAT THEY DO NOT CONCEIVE OF A NEW AGREEMENT WITHOUT SUCH A PROVISION.

2. I MADE AN EXTEMPORANEOUS RESPONSE TO SEMENOV'S POINTS REGARDING VLADIVOSTOK, INDICATING THAT THE US HAD RECENTLY PROPOSED MEASURES WHICH COULD GENUINELY ACCOMPLISH EFFECTIVE ARMS CONTROL AND THAT THESE MEASURES WERE NOT

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INCONSISTENT WITH VLADIVOLSTOK, WHERE THE PARTIES HAD AGREED THAT LIMITATIONS ON NEW WEAPONS SYSTEMS COULD BE INCLUDED. I SAID THAT WE RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF ACHIEVING A NEW AGREEMENT BY OCTOBER 1977 AND THAT SOME US ARMS CONTROL PORPOSALS MAY HAVE TO BE DEFERRED, BUT THAT DEFERRAL DOES NOT LESSEN OUR COMMITMENT TO RESOLUTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WITH REGARD TO SEMENOV'S STATEMENT ON THE ISSUE OF NON-TRANSFER, I ASSURED HIM THAT THE US WILL NOT ENTER INTO ANY AGREEMENT WITH THE PURPOSE OF CIRCUMVENTING IT AND THAT WE WOULD STUDY THE SOVIET STATEMENT. I THEN PRESENTED MY PREPARED STATEMENT, IDENTIFYING OTHER ISSUES WHICH HAVE THEIR OWN IMPORTANCE AND MUST BE SETTLED REGARDLESS OF THE SPECIFIC LIMITATIONS OR OTHER DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT. I SPECIFIED DATA BASE, MIRV VERIFICATION AND DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT AS ISSUES WHICH CAN BE RESOLVED BY THE RENEWED EFFORTS OF THE DELEGATIONS.

3. SEMENOV MADE NO SPECIFIC COMMENT ON MY STATEMENT BUT INDICATED THAT HE WOULD STUDY IT AND RETURN TO THE ISSUES AND QUESTIONS AT THE PROPER TIME.

4. DURING THE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS, SEMENOV AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION SPOKE AGAINST ANY DELAY IN CONSIDERING THE ISSUE OF NON-TRANSFER AND EXPRESSED THEIR VIEW THAT RECENT US PROPOSALS ARE A DIVERSION FROM COMPLETION OF AN AGREEMENT BASED ON THE VLADIVOSTOK GUIDELINES. SEMENOV SAID HE WOULD MAKE A

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SPECIFIC STATEMENT ON NON-CIRCUMVENTION AT THE NEXT PLENARY.

5. WE AGREED TO A PLENARY SESSION AT 1100 ON 17 MAY 1977 AT THE SOVIET MISSION.WARNKE

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